

The SACJJD's Vision & Mission

VISION

To have a healthy and safe California where youth are held accountable for their actions and receive necessary support and services to become productive adults.

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California's SACJJD serves the Governor, the Legislature, and the people of California by promoting effective juvenile justice policies and programming in compliance with goals set forth in the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act.

Core Principles:

Strategy – a coalition of knowledgeable stakeholders and communities, current or former wards, and local elected officials;

Advocacy – a plan to prevent juvenile delinquency while providing treatment and rehabilitation for youthful offenders; and

Compliance – a means of monitoring program compliance and ensuring adherence with the core protections of federal law.

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SACJJD***P Accomplishments***

Since its reconstitution in February 2007, the California SACJJD has provided exemplary leadership within juvenile justice in a state that has an enormous and highly diverse youth population. Through the identification of state priorities and the oversight of the distribution of multi-million dollars in grant funding for youth-serving programs, examples of the SACJJD's accomplishments include:

- Title II Delinquency Prevention and Intervention Program; \$8 Million
- Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program; \$4 Million
- Evidence-Based Programming Partnership with Administrative Office of the Courts and Assessments.com; \$1.7 Million
- Enhanced DMC-Technical Assistance Program; \$ 1 Million
- DMC Support Grants; \$600,000
- Anger Management and Youth Violence Prevention Training Project (Governor's Gang Initiative - California's Gang Reduction and Intervention); \$1.1 million
- DMC Regional Training for School Attendance Review Board Partnership; \$277,030
- Native American Program; \$80,000
- DMC School District- Pilot Project; \$37,000
- DMC Police Curriculum- Pilot Project; \$0

The SACJJD provides statewide leadership in relation to activities for the betterment of California's youth and families.

Within the current SACJJD Strategic Plan, the following five focus areas have been identified as priorities:

EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMS/ PROMISING APPROACHES

Goal: Improve juvenile justice system efficiency/effectiveness and lower the arrest and recidivism rates through the increase use of Evidence-based/ promising approach programs.



HOLISTIC APPROACH TO COUNSEL

Goal: Promote quality legal defense representation of youth in the juvenile delinquency system in California through well funded children's legal defense systems that emulate best or promising holistic legal practice models.

DISPROPORTIONATE MINORITY CONTACT (DMC)

Goal: Reduce the number of youth of color coming into contact with the juvenile justice system.

ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION

Goal: Reduce the number of youth held in secure detention.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PRINCIPLES

Goal: Restore victims' wounds; restore offenders to law-abiding lives; and repair harm done to interpersonal relationships and the community.